

Alexander Paul Store (Grant-Crawford Co-op  
Oil Co. Building)  
Main and North Sts.  
Patch Grove Village  
Grant County  
Wisconsin

HABS No. WI-289

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STATE Wisconsin	COUNTY Grant	TOWN OR VICINITY Patch Grove VILLAGE
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Alexander Paul Store (original owner)		HABS NO. WI-289
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Grant-Crawford Co-op Oil Company Building		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Main and North Streets		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1859 (Tax Roles - Grant County)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Alexander Paul	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Fine example of vernacular Romanesque Revival style of architecture designed and built by Alexander Paul in 1859. Good representative of mid-19th century commercial architecture. Originally used as general store and later as a bowling alley, furniture store and funeral parlor.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Romanesque Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Reddish brick walls, stone foundation, metal roof		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular in shape; 70' x 25'; 2 stories, plus basement		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Brick, two-story commercial structure on an elevated foundation with a slightly sloping roof built in 1859 by Alexander Paul. The three-bayed facade has a sculptured parapet that is penetrated by a round window divided into four quarters and is accented by a band of decorative brick work. Projecting brick pilasters divide the upper (con't. on 2nd page)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Basement: full basement, $\frac{1}{2}$ concrete floor-- $\frac{1}{2}$ gravel floor 1st floor: large, open display area, with two small rooms to the rear, central hallway 2nd floor: central hallway, partitioned into 8 rooms, including bathroom, parlor area to front of building		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES None with the exception of double door (garage door) installed in <u>late 1950s</u> (approximate) to the south side of the basement.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Very poor, excessive deterioration. Structure is currently vacant.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Documentation for this structure was prepared by the Grant County Community Development Block Grant Office and Joan Rausch - Historic Preservationist, in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Determined eligible for National Register of Historic Places by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin (10/20/80) and by the Keeper of the National Register on (4/22/81). Ms. Joan Rausch, Historic Preservation provided architectural history and description.		
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Exterior Features of Note: (Continued)

facade into three bays. Round arched windows divided into three parts horizontally are located in each of the upper bays. A slightly projecting cornice visually separates the lower layered street level arcade of three segmented arches from the upper facade. The round wooden window frame forms the first layer while two layers of brick arches each recessed slightly from the other constitute the other two layers. The store front windows of the symmetrically designed facade are divided into nine panes of glass that are arranged three over three. Large cast iron pilasters frame the entrance while glass windows form the apron for the store windows. Segmented arches over the six over six windows and tie rod ends accent the side and rear elevations. A wooden lintel over a large double door and a smaller segmental arched door gives access on the south doors to the rear, one on the north side and one on the south side, are original to the structure while the upper door on the south appears to have been added later as does the window next to the rear door at the north side.